I support the FISTS proposal as a realistic compromise on the issue
of Morse Code, however I believe that the speed for Extra class
licenses should be 20 WPM.

I also believe that acceptance of the arguement of the "no code"
proponents that intelligent, qualified, and skilled operators being
held from Amateur Radio by the Morse Exam requires some proof of
concept beyond merely removing the exam as a requirement. For
example, I believe that Element 1 should be replaced by a serious
test of knowledge in computer technology, digital modulation
techniques, and binary number theory. As represented over the years
by No Code International and others, those "qualified" gurus who
were ready to add so much to the hobby if we removed Morse, would
have no trouble passing such a test.

As for the rest of the population, I submit that the FCC should
permit Code tests to be used in lieu of the digital communications
theory test so that those so inclined to enter the service in a more
traditional manner can do so.

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